

# King David

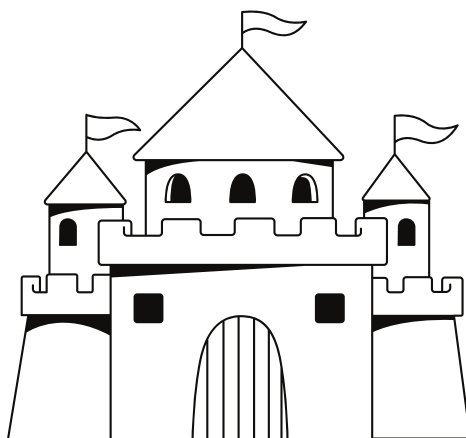


'All the tribes of Israel came to see David at Hebron. They said, "We are your own flesh and blood. In the past, Saul was our king. But you led Israel on their military campaigns. And the Lord said to you, 'You will be the shepherd over my people Israel. You will become their ruler.' " All the elders of Israel came to see King David at Hebron. There the king made a covenant with them in front of the Lord. They anointed David as king over Israel. David was 30 years old when he became king. He ruled for 40 years. In Hebron he ruled over Judah for seven and a half years. In Jerusalem he ruled over all of Israel and Judah for 33 years. The king and his men marched to Jerusalem. They went to attack the Jebusites who lived there. The Jebusites said to David, "You won't get in here. Even people who can't see or walk can keep you from coming in." The Jebusites thought, "David can't get in here." But David captured the fort of Zion. It became known as the City of David.'

2 Samuel 5:1-7 NIRV

'On that day David had said, "Someone might win the battle over the Jebusites. But they will have to crawl through the water tunnel to get into the city. That's the only way they can reach those enemies of mine that you say can't see or walk." That's why people say, "Those who 'can't see or walk' won't enter David's palace." David moved into the fort. He called it the City of David. He built up the area around the fort. He filled in the low places. He started at the bottom and worked his way up. David became more and more powerful. That's because the Lord God who rules over all was with him. Hiram was king of Tyre. He sent messengers to David. He sent cedar logs along with them. He also sent skilled workers. They worked with wood and stone. They built a palace for David. Then David knew that the Lord had made his position as king secure. He knew that he had made him king over the whole nation of Israel. He knew that the Lord had greatly honored his kingdom. The Lord had done it because the Israelites were his people.'

**2 Samuel 5:8-12 NIRV**



"David ruled over the whole nation of Israel. He did what was fair and right for all his people."

2 Samuel 8:15 NIRV



# **What did God say the kings of Israel should be like?**

Read Deuternonomy 17:14-20

